

APPROVED: Meeting No. 14-89

ATTEST: *Sharon Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING 12-89

March 20, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland on Monday, March 20, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Stephen Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Recognition of Norman Bellingham,
Gold Medalist, Summer 1988 Olympics

The Mayor and Council recognized the inspiring accomplishments of Norman Bellingham, Gold Medalist, Men's Kayak Pairs, 1000 Meter Event, Summer 1988 Olympics. Mr. Bellingham, a graduate of Richard Montgomery High School, was presented with an inscribed replica of the mural in City Hall. Students from Beall Elementary School made a presentation to Mr. Bellingham of their artwork depicting what the Olympics mean to them.

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Re: Public Hearing--Exploratory
Application for Planned Residential
Unit PRU-4M-88, Archdiocese of
Washington, Applicant.

Mayor Duncan stated that the Mayor and Council had received from the contract purchaser a request for continuance of the public hearing to May 15, 1989, in order to allow the developer to properly coordinate with the affected neighbors and revise the plan accordingly. Upon motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the public hearing on Exploratory Application for Planned Residential Unit PRU-4M-88 was continued to May 15, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chamber, City Hall.

Re: Public Hearing--Zoning Text Amendment
Application T-92-88, Farid Srour,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Zoning Text Application T-92-88, and heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for three weeks until April 10, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

Re: Public Hearing--Zoning Map Amendment
Application M-53-88, Joseph A.
Lynott, Attorney for J.A.J. Research
One Limited Partnership, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Zoning Map Amendment Application M-53-88, and heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until April 3, 1989, at 5:00 p.m.

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Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, Mayor Duncan opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Larry Lorenz, 2404 Glenmore Terrace, indicated that he was in favor of the continuance of Exploratory Application for Planned Residential Unit PRU-4M-88. He left a letter outlining his concerns with the proposal which Mayor Duncan indicated would be placed in the official record.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Adopt a resolution to establish 5.1 percent as the maximum rate of rent increase under Chapter 26A of the "Laws of Rockville" entitled "Rental Housing Data Collection and Voluntary Rent Stabilization Guidelines" as required under Section 1-102.

Resolution 5-89

The voluntary rent increase guidelines are recommended by the Landlord/Tenant Office which evaluates current rental data and recommends maximum percentage rates. Increases above this rate may result in requests to the landlord for justification.

As requested by the Mayor and Council at the meeting of March 13, 1989, staff provided clarification as to the basis for the recommended rent increase guideline.

Upon motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. 5-89, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 9 of the Mayor and Council, to establish 5.1 percent as the maximum rate of rent increase under Chapter 26A of the "Laws of Rockville" entitled "Rental Housing Data Collection and Voluntary Rent Stabilization Guidelines" as required under Section 1-102.

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Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 11-89 (March 13, 1989) were approved as amended.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. With respect to handicapped parking on private property, Councilmember Hovsepien noted that other local jurisdictions use handicapped individuals or other volunteers to identify those misusing the system and that the City may want to consider this as a possible approach to enforcement at some future time.

2. Councilmember Hovsepien asked if the City would be able to apply for CDBG funds which were recaptured by the County. Mayor Duncan responded that he had spoken with Mr. Ferrara from Montgomery County and that if the City were to send a letter to the County asking for funds and listing specific projects, more than likely the funds would be reinstated. Mr. Romer will report back to the Mayor and Council at the meeting of April 10, 1989, with such a proposal.

3. Councilmember Hovsepien noted that she was pleased to see the letter from the Robert Frost PTSA commending the Teen Club activities sponsored by the City and coordinated by Allan Ostrow of Recreation and Parks.

4. With respect to the letter received from a Rockville lawyer commending the performance of Sandra Crewe, Executive Director of the Rockville Housing Authority, Councilmember Hovsepien noted that the Mayor and Council also agree with this commendation.

5. Councilmember Coyle expressed concern as to whether there was a requirement of sprinklers in the proposed construction of housing for elderly and physically handicapped persons.

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6. Councilmember Coyle also noted that transportation and human development issues such as day care lend themselves to joint work and may be considered in the Rockville-Baltimore exchange. Mayor Duncan expressed the sense of the Council in asking the staff to quickly establish the Rockville-Baltimore exchange.

Re: New Business

1. Councilmember Hovsepian referred to an article in the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce newsletter regarding the "Adopt-A-School" program and requested a review of the current status of this program as it relates to City schools by the local Chamber and referral to the Public Education Advisory Commission for recommendations.

2. Councilmember Abrams noted that it was brought to his attention that the City should be sensitive to gender neutral language in its correspondence. Mr. Romer responded that such a policy has been incorporated in the recently revised written communication policies.

3. Mayor Duncan requested that staff provide the cost of undergrounding utilities in the one block area in front of the Woodmont I and Woodmont II buildings in addition to the locations specified at the March 13 meeting.

4. Mayor Duncan asked, and the Council agreed, to begin the worksession with the Board of Supervisors of Elections at 7:00 p.m. on April 3, to be followed by the Fire and Rescue worksession at 8:00 p.m. on that date.

5. Mayor Duncan noted that the Council of Governments was requesting members for its Environmental Policy Committee. Councilmember Hovsepian indicated that she would like to serve.

6. With respect to the proposed legislation to eliminate the inventory tax on new car dealerships, Mayor Duncan reported that the Prince George's Municipal Association has opposed such a measure unless and until there is an equitable replacement

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for the loss of revenues. He further reported that they were requesting a summer study session to develop alternative revenue sources. The Mayor and Council agreed that the City of Rockville should take a similar position and forward a letter to the Montgomery County Delegation.

Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Public Hearing, the Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to consult with counsel and to discuss personnel and disposition of property matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. to convene again in Work Session on Monday, April 3, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.